

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter and are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. More particularly, the limitation added to amended claim 14 finds support on page 3, lines 4-12, and page 17, lines 23-24. Entry of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-26 have been rejected.

Claim 14 has been amended.

Claims 15-26 are kept unchanged.

Claims 14-26 are pending in the application.

The word "cyclanic" has been replaced with: - -cyclic- - on page 4, line 9 of the specification and the phrase "[lacuna]" on page 15, line 3 of the specification has been deleted.

Objected claim 14 has been amended to correct the spelling of "functionalization".

Applicant believes that the above amendments have addressed the objections to the specification and claims.

The rejection of claims 14-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Cocco et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 5,079,324), in view of Shiono et al., (U.S. Patent No.: 5,525,660), and Myake et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,214,930), is respectfully traversed and is addressed in light of the comments below.

Applicant submits a copy of a sworn translation into English of the French application N0 98/15,160 from which the priority date of November 27 1998 is claimed. All the

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features of the claims are found in the French specification. Therefore, Applicant relies upon the priority papers to overcome the rejection.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner now reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 14-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Cocco et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 5,079,324), in view of Shiono et al., (U.S. Patent No.: 5,525,660), and Myake et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,214,930).

In view of the preceding remarks, it is asserted that the patent application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any question concerning these remarks that would further advance prosecution of the claims to allowance, the examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (609) 860-4180.

A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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